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1. During April 1953, 10,027 tons of crude oil were shipped to Czechoslovakia from the Matzen railroad station.
2. Wifo issued an order, effective April 1953, that SEB Matzen was to ship oil only to Czechoslovakia and not to Poland and East Germany as before. Shipping documents are to be prepared for the general destination Czechoslovakia, without mentioning specific towns.
3. Since SEB Matzen is not kept informed on a shipment schedule, it has to be ready to load whatever number of tank cars is provided by the Wifo tank car division. The authorities at Matzen are not even informed of when the tank cars are due there. It sometimes happens that tank cars arrive to be loaded just after the Matzen storage tanks have been emptied (through the pipeline to Wifo, Lobau) to provide more storage space for new production. This causes delays in loading. Other delays are caused by the necessity to drain water from the crude oil to be shipped and the fact that the tank car loading station is on the main line of the railroad.

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